

EPN

October 20, 1986
1110 C University Village
East Lansing MI 48823

Dear Tett,

I am now living/working in East Lansing once again. I'll probably be here another 2-3 years. I am happy & getting re-acquainted with old friends. Hopefully you haven't been through a job change/move lately; they're terribly disruptive.

I received a list today of the ~~coin~~ 1/2 cents in the Norweb estate. You may be interested in knowing the finest known 1794 C6 Fine 15 Ex Brobston is in the collection. There is also a VF30 1804 C4, bought from stacks in 1962 which is likely Ex Brobston (RSC thinks Norman stack may have placed the coin w. Mrs. Norweb). It is only CC3 ~~and~~ there is a new AU50 in a California collection. There are a number of other CC 1/2's, but none that have been touted as CC1. RSC told me to write you specifically about one coin. The 1854 copper nickel pattern Ex Farouk is in this collection. RSC strongly suggested I tell only you the location of this coin so you could examine and/or acquire the coin. As you can see from the list which I've enclosed, Rendell bought lot 1700 of the Farouk collection, and many of those went to Mrs. Norweb. It's really too bad she was not an active EAC'er. I'm sure many great stories ~~died~~ with her. Speaking of great stories, I hope you put on paper what you know about the Showers collection and how you acquired the coins you wanted.

I have read in PW and in Cohen & Breen about the breakup of the Showers collection and have felt ~~that~~ the details were scanty. Even if ^{it gets written} such an article weren't published in your lifetime, make sure. I met Mr. Eric Newman at the ANA this summer, and he seemed ~~enthusiastic~~ supportive of the idea I stop in to see his money museum.

This summer I helped RSC acquire two top-notch coins for his collection. The first was an 1809 C5 MS63 and well struck for \$1600. The coin has 20% red. I doubt it is its finest known, but it's the best I have seen. The 2nd is a 1794 C9 of a very late die state. The die was failing on the right side both obv. & rev. The coin has original red (5 to 10%). It is probably a 55 or 60, but the price was reasonable since the coin was so poorly struck. One of these days I'll come to St Louis to see your collection, then I'd know if a coin would be an upgrade for you.

Gene Bragg is tentatively planning a whist match with Bob Yoell to be held in Cleveland (the date hasn't been set yet). Anyway, it would be great if you could come (~~whenever~~ whenever it does happen) and bring your die states of 1804 C6. Gene and Roger have 20 or 30 die states between them. ~~Be~~

God bless,

Frank Wilkinson

MOCAB for EPN

Mrs. R. Henry Newell half cent coll. 5/86 by Del Bland

1793 G-1 20 63 1953 ANA: 1444

G-2 35 63 Picker 3/22/55

G-4 45 65 well struck, no rev. rim break. Hanks 1/18/56 ⁶⁰⁰⁻

1794 G-2 20 67 Elder 11/12/09

G-3 12 35 Picker 9/1/57

G-3 8 " ex. 1957 ANA: 37 - Washburn

G-4 55 60 Schulman 4/3/59: 868

G-5 35 50 Picker 5/26/60

G-6 15 12 ex. ~~11/11~~ ^{12/63} ~~11/11~~ ^{12/63} Boston - Stebbins, 1963

1795 G-1 15 65 line-like fan crack across obv, cleaned + reworked

G-4 25 58 usual weak striking no pedigree

G-5 damage 15 ⁶⁵ rim-edge rolled 1953 ANA 2P?

G-6a 45 ⁶⁹ but bad fan crack lower obv, worse on upper rev. ex. 1953 ANA 2P? - NN 6/23/54

G-6b 15 40 Picker, 1960

G-7 6 30 Picker, 3/30/55

G-8 7 8 Penn-Ohio 1959, lot 41

1796 G-1 35 63 darkish spot around most of R in LIBERTY, a lighter smaller one opposite forehead, denticles behind neck + above

STATES weak or missing ex. Klein, 1888? - Chapman-

Ellsworth - W. Raymond - Ryder - NN 6/54: 274

G-2 10 60 edge dent below 79, obv. edge with at 9:00, a trace of rev. roughness, diagonal scratch from wrist to ^{near} right stem, a bit of pitting between ST ex. Prosser - Ryder - W. Raymond - NN 6/23/54, lot? Gilbert plate coin

1797 G-1 20 30 light diagonal scratch nose down to near edge, a verticle one nose to near base of T, obv. well off center at 1:30, rev. dent at 3:30, med. olive brown ex. Hollinbeck 11/30/56

diagonal scratch hair behind eye across face

Lot 1 and 2 from the collection of the late Dr. J. H. Van Dine, 1920

1797 G-1 730 Farouk: 1700

✓

G-2 gripped edge 58 obv. well off center at 7:00, rev.
well off center at 11:00 ex. Jenks; 6245 - ? NN ³/₂₉/56

1800 G-1 5563 Chapman, 1909

1802 G-1 730 cleaned + resolved. Mehl ¹/₂/37

G-2 1220 defects below last 2 digits of date + to the
right (undertype?) ex. Kenneth Readell ⁸/₁/60

1803 G-1 2058 Pickar ⁸/₁/57

G-4 645 " "

1804 G-1 12 ↓ 20. Four ^{*}173 ⁹/₁₃:522 - Ryder - W. Raymond -
Pickar, 1958

⊗

G-1 4540 Hollinbeck, 1961

G-3 5565 or Brand - 1957. ANA: 43

G-4 5565 but "zipped" ex. Pickar, 1961

G-5 4063 NN ¹/₅₆:373

G-9 1032 Pickar ⁸/₁/57

⊗

G-10 3015 Stacks, 1962

1805 G-2 4565 Holmes: 1302

G-3 1030 numerous tiny marks in right obv. field, a
^{heavier} couple to opposite top of neck, rev. E in CENT weak, part
of H + C weak ^{rev.} off center at 11:00 Gilbert plate coin?

1806 obv G-1 rev G-2 510 Pickar, 1960

G-2 3555 Pickar ⁸/₁/57

1807 G-1 4563 cleaned + resolved Hollinbeck ⁸/₃₀/58 later de stus

1809 G-1 2565 Low ⁹/₅/08

G-2 5062 Hollinbeck ⁸/₃₀/58

G-3 3555 long edge dent over number 7 NN ⁶/₅₄:301

1809 Unlisted 1032 Picken 8/25/56

✓ G-4 60±65 " 8/1/57

G-5 55⁶⁵ but softly struck NN 8/22/55

1810 G-1 5565 new. cleaned + resealed Picken 8/1/57

1811 G-1 456055 but cleaned + resealed, dark over thru
NITE Picken 8/1/57

✓ G-2 6067 somewhat prooflike H. Michley, 1867 - ^(sp.) Clemens -
Clemens - Elder *83 9/13:404 - Ryder - W. Raymond -
NN sale 6/23/54

1825 G-1 4067 Baldenhofer "1/55:102

G-2 5560 no pedigree

1828 G-3 5565 Picken, 1959

⊗ 1831 G-1 original 4540 Farouk: 1700

G-1 " Proof 50 ^{60 but} diagonal line of tiny marks from curl on
face to right of star 2, bronzed as NN, 1958

G-1 ^{original} Proof 55 P darkish area on edge over star 5

as. Elder 10/17/08 @ 52.50

G-2 1st ^{large berries} Proof 60 + P sticks 2/58:515

tiny reddish spot close over top front of head

⊗ ⊗ G-3 2nd Proof 60 ^{small berries} Proof 60 ^{NONE} many

very minute carbon spots on obv. Farouk: 1700

1832 G-1 Proof 60 P TJC: 464

G-3 4063 cleaned + resealed Baldenhofer "1/55:109

1933 G-1 60 + P prooflike Green 10/28/08 @ 24

1834 G-1 Proof 65 P TJC: 466

1835 G-1 Proof 63 P TJC: 467

G-1 5565 Muzey sale golden color

1836 G-1 original Proof 60 P Farouk: 1700

G-2 1st restrike large berries Proof 63 P

ex. allenburger: 942 - ? - Stack's 3/58: 733

1840 G-1 original Proof 65 P E. Sears @ 80.-

G-2 1st rest. recent HALF CENT Proof 60+P Stack's 11/57: 105

G-3 2nd " die file marks on ICA Proof 60+P Elder @ 56.50

1841 G-1 Proof 60+P Elder 12/17/08 @ 33 -

G-2 Proof 60 P Stack's, 1963 struck on thin plan

G-3 Proof 60 P Farouk: 1700 " " " "

G-3 Proof 60 P Mohl 1/2/37 " " " "

1842 G-1 Proof 67 P Stack's 11/57: 107

✓ G-1 12 bought from ? m 10/17/08 @ 78.65

G-2 Proof 60 P Farouk: 1700

G-3 Proof 63 P Elder @ 80.-

1843 G-1 Proof 67 P Elder @ 50.-

G-2 Proof 60 ^{hpt} with hint marks on obv, Morganthau 9/35 @ 61.-

G-3 Proof 63 P a 1957 sub, lot 31st as "B1-C part of

ser. note --- Eisenhower specimen from the fake sub---

1944 G-1 Proof 60 P Farouk: 1700

G-2 Proof 60+P small obv. carbon spots Stack's 11/56: 28

G-3 Proof 63 P Farouk: 1700

1845 G-1 Proof 60 P Morganthau 9/35 @ 71-

G-2 Proof 63 P Farouk: 1700

G-3 Proof 63 P Elder @ 111.50

1846⁶ G-1 Proof 60+P Morganthau 9/35 @ 75.-

G-2 Proof 63 P no polycrystalline coat 55.-

G-3 Proof 60 TJC: 479

1847 G-1 Proof 60 P Morgenthau 9/35 @ 86. -

G-3 Proof 63 P Elder @ 44. -

1848 G-1 Proof 60+P Farouk: 1700

G-2 Proof 63 P Elder @ 48. -

G-3 Proof 60+P starts 3/58: 741 horizontal lint mark from far

G-3 Proof 60 P NN 7/20/55

1849 G-1 Proof 63 P bought from ? on 7/6/09 @ 2. -

G-2 Proof 63 P Elder 10/17/08

1850 rev. of 1849 B: 116-1A Proof 65 P

ex. Chapman 4/03: 332 - Ryder - NN 6/23/54

⊗ ⊗ 1852 G-1 large berries Proof 65 ^{NONE} dv. with many very minute carbon spots, a large carbon spot between RI
ex. R.L. Miles, Jr.: lot ?

G-2 small berries HALF CENT rev. Proof 60+P Farouk: 171

G-3 " " die file marks over RICA Proof 60 P Elder 10/17/08
© 31/50

1854 G-1 B: 125-1C Proof 60+P NN 6/26/53

⊗ ⊗ 1/2 cent pattern ^{NONE} Alt-55 light flea striations on rev.
ex. Randall, 1957

1855 G-1 Proof 65 P Goldenhofer 11/55: 124

1856 G-1 B: 127A-1AP Unc 60 but cleaned + resealed Elder 11/11/55

✓ 1/2 cent pattern P Proof 68 a little work striking NN 9/22/55

✓ 1857 G-1 B: 131-1B P Proof 63 Mouzey sale @ 2.25

⊗ ⊗ Do not have. (3)

⊗ Appears to be some upgrade (4)

✓ Would be interesting to see. Either close in grade, die state, possible sub-variety, or other reason. (8)

Proof would also be interesting to see for quality and weight

February 24, 1957

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Dear Tett,

Thanks again for having me over this past weekend. It wasn't until I got home and had a chance to remember all that I'd seen that I could really begin to understand all I'd seen. I decided to write up my opinion on your best specimen as to CC rank as I understand it.

1793 C 1.3 CC1 closest contenders are the McCleery & McGuigan specimens

C 2.2 CC1 or 2 only competition is the McCleery specimen, which I have is available

C 3.1 CC1 } "Type" collections may have slightly better coins, but I
C 4.1 CC1 } knew of none better.

1794 C 1a.1 CC1 . Unquestioned Finest

C 2a.1 CC1 . You should enjoy comparing yours with the Hansen specimen

C 3a.3 CC1 By a mile

C 4a.5 CC2a3. McGuigan specimen is finest known to me.

C 5a.2 CC4 behind the Harriman, Picker, & Smith-Geiss-stowe-JRM coins

C 6a.2 CC on this one is Haywire. Not CC1 or 2 but probably 4a.5. behind the Brobston (Norwob), Rawls-Cohn, The Weber 6B, The Partrick specimen is just ugly.

C 7.4 CC1

C 8.3 CC4 behind the Brobston-Partrick, F. Bacherdt, & GJ Hansen coins

C 9.3 Probably CC1 - Dr. McCleery's may be better & would be available.

1795 C 1.2 This is a proof or specimen striking & likely finest known. The only contenders are the Mills-Bareford-JRM, & Gerrett-Naftzger coins.

C 2a.2 CC1. - Contender is the G. Reale coin. May be one in a "Type" set

C 3.4 CC1 or 2 The only contender is the Dupont-Hansen coin.

C 4.2 Contenders for CC1. RSC has 2 nice ones. JRM has one & Hansen has one.

C 5a.6 CC1 I would not believe Hansen's comment to the contrary. His is CC2a3.

C 5b. JRM ex Goldman is a 6S and better than your 5a.

C 6a.11 CC1 You'd be excused for fainting if a better one is ever found.

1796 C 1.2 CC1 CC2 = Eliasberg CC3 = your castoff to JRM.

C 2.2 CC1 Only contender is the Partrick specimen.

1797 C1.2 CC1,2 or 3 Hanson's two Unc's may or may not be better. I know of no other contenders.

C2.11 CC1, The GarroH-Naffzger = CC2 and the 1797 C2.8 = CC3

C3a.3 CC1 3a.2 is a close contender

C3b.3 CC2 or 3 The Hanson coin = CC1

C3c.2 CC2

1800 A condition census for this variety is useless and impossible to compile

1802 C1.4 CC1 only contenders you haven't seen are the Norweb & Dupont-KP Austin

C2.7 CC1. As I showed you, your coin has been well-known for over 100 years, coins. I'd like to compare it with any others!

1803 C1.6 This variety was just not plated in the normal Chapman sales (except Alford) this is CC1 or misses out by a TAD.

C2.3 CC1 True out to be a better one, but there isn't

~~C3.3~~ C3.3 Probably CC1 maybe the Jackson lot 863 coin

C4.3 CC1 or 2 Hanson's may be CC1

1804 C1.4 CC3

C2.2 CC1

C4.3 CC5 w/wen, C. Goodridge, Brobston-Norweb, & P. m. - JRM all 1-4

C5.2 CC1 or less

C6.14 CC1 I am unaware of no other MS specimen although others may exist.

C7.3 CC8 to 10 or less

C8.6 CC1,2,3 or 4. I'd love to see the others - Hanson, Reale, & Partrick

C9.1 CC1

C10.5 I know of no better one, but better ones may exist.

C11.3 Roger lists 2 unc's & 2 AU's, but I haven't seen or heard of them directly.

C12.4 CC1

C13.8 May still be CC1 even though I didn't think it was a full 60.

1805 C1.1 May be CC1 JRM bought his from ASC, who preferred the coin he kept & JRM's is a twin to yours. Most whist players preferred JRM's to ASC's. The JRM coin is Ex WKR so yours is better than either ~~RYE~~ or JRM.

C2.2 CC1

C3.3 CC1 C3.4 = CC2,3 or 4

C4.4 CC1 Even Hanson agrees!

- 7506 C1.3 It's hard to believe a better one can exist.
 C2.4 CC 3 or 4
 C3.2 CC 1
 C4.5 Same comment as C1.3
- 1807 C1.5 May be in the top 5, I just haven't seen better ones.
 1808 C1.1 CC1, by a couple miles!
 C2.5 CC1, also by a couple miles!
 C3.6 Has to be one of the top six. I know of none that is definitely better
- 1809 All varieties except #2. I think JRM P or RSC has a better coin for each variety.
 C2.4 CC1 See enclosures
- 1810 C1.4, C1.5 The only better coin would be a full red one. Have you seen such?
 I haven't even heard of one.
- 1811 C1.6 CC1
 C2.6 CC1
- 1825 C1.4 At least CC2. RSC has an MS63,
 C2.5 CC1
- 1826 C1.1 Dr. W. Lee may have a better one, but I doubt it considering
 WKR had previously owned both & sold R. Gross (thru to Dr Lee) the
 castoff.
 C2.2 CC2 or lower, but not much lower.
- 1828 C1.2 JRM, according to my notes has a 67.
 C2.3 Probably CC1 or equal to it
 C3.1 & .3 I'd like to see better ones if they exist.
- 1829 C1.4. CC1 or equal to it
- 1831 C1 I'm beginning to believe the circ. examples are spent proofs.
- 1832 C1.6 CC1 or close to it.
 C2.2 An unbelievable proof CC1
 C3.3 Must be CC1 or close to it,

You mentioned you'd like to trade w. Gene Bray for his 1804 C5.
 Gene is a good friend of mine, but I'd rather wrestle w. a skunk & a
 porcupine simultaneously, than to try to trade away one of his treasures.
 I've also enclosed a copy of the JRM/RSC whist match & I've updated most of
 their upgrades. Hope all this information has made your contribution worthwhile!

Frank

March 1, 1987
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Dear Tett,

Thanks again for letting me see your collection. You really do the rest of us a terrific service by letting us know what top-grade coins look like. For example; by seeing the planchets flaws on MS 63 1793's, one can have some idea of what a VF 30 will look like. We also have an idea of what parts of the design are typically well or poorly struck. Pete Smith is pursuing many of these sorts of things in his study of Turban Cents (1808-1814), and I predict he'll be one of the top cent scholars in the next few decades (if he remains interested in cents).

Back in October I handed 73 or so of John Wright's manuscript to a secretary I know in Ann Arbor, ~~to put~~ and paid her to type it up and put it on a disk compatible w. John's computer and word-processing program. She recently completed the book, and John may have it completed by EAC! What do you think of that?

Answers to your questions:

1. The Jay coin is crossed out because I discovered that the Jay coin is actually the 1794 CMM 5b Ex WKR - W. Weber. It is also my opinion that it was earlier Ex Brobston since a number of Jay coins were Ex Brobston. We can tell by going to Stack's and looking at their photographic file of the Brobston sale. Brobston definitely bought 1/2's from the Eaton sale, so it may have been Eaton - Brobston - Jay - X - WKR - W. Weber.
2. The notation WKR - W. Weber on p 110 means that that is Bill Weber's coin plated.
3. The Allenburger 1794 CMM #9 (p. 118 big picture) is the last Unc. listed on p. 119 as Benent - Allenburger - Bareford - Halpern - Harry Stack collection.
4. The 1797 CMM 3c (your 1797.3c.3) was in a collection, Urgin, that Hanson did not know about at the time he compiled the condition census for the encyclopedia. This does prove Roger's point.

that Walter & Hansen did have Roger's 2nd edition in front of them when they wrote the encyclopedia as they listed your 1802.C1.4 which they'd never seen nor had the coin been previously photographed and yet the nick on the rev. was mentioned.

5. TT1, TT2 & etc. Refer to the Top Ten list that Roger & Ron Gull put together and published in Penny Wise.

6. Does the notation on p 200 TtH/w. indicate the Obv of RTtH/rev w. Weber. Yes.

Any pedigree information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I've scanned the showers listing as well as the Col. Green holdings. It's too bad photographs were not made of more of Green's coins, but that's life. I was amazed to see a 1795 G7 (CMH3) in Unc. on the Green list and wondered why you hadn't shown me a coin that would be FK by a country mile; later I realized it's the VF you sold or traded to JRM! And so much for grading standards back when! When you contact Jon Hansen next, you may have him ~~explain~~ list the coins better than those in the Showers collection that were listed by him as 2nd or 3rd finest, esp. those for which you, RSC, or I know of no better specimen. I mean to tell you, if he got a couple thousand back in 1976 to tell where coins ranked, you'd think he'd list the coins as finest known if they were at all (so they'd bring more money).

If I'm a good boy and get a lot of work done, I may come to Dallas for EAC. It will probably be a while before I get another big dose of pedigree information straightened out, so don't expect much in Dallas.

Del Blau sent me a list of the top 1/2's in the Byron Reed bequest to the Omaha City Library. They're listed on the next page.

1796 G-1 VF-25, 35 scratches on obv. Ex. Parmelee sale, 1890

1828 G-3 MS 63

1831 ~~G-3~~ 2nd Restrike, rev of 1856, Proof 60⁺ (a coin you lack)

1836 " " " " " " 60, a couple nicks

1840 G-1 EF 40, 60, but cleaned, recolored, w. carbon spot, rough f.t.

1841 G-1 Proof 55

1842 1st restrike Proof 60⁺

1843 1st restrike ~~R~~Proof 60⁺

1844 2nd " " " 60

1845 " " " " 60⁺

1846 " " " " 60

1847 " " " " 60⁺

1848 1st " " " 63

1852 2nd " " " 60⁺ with die file marks over RICA in
contrast to W. Breen's notes of 1st restrike - 3 known (It's still the rare one).

1856 Proof 55

1856 1/2 of pattern in AU. Del did not see the coin

1893 G-2 (CMM4) Ex. Clean any; 1936 or AU-50, this is one of
the two listed by GTH as better than your 1793 C4.1

By being Tottenhorst, it seems to me, you can get away for a while
from being B.E. I doubt if it's exactly like The Prince and The
Pauper, but close. I heard that Woodrow Wilson's daughters
eluded their secret service guards (as what were they well called then)
and had a great time going through the White House as tourists.

Grand

P.S. I wrote the other letter first, but am mailing both together.

Dear Tom,

3/1/87

Thank you so much for letting me see your stuff.
The two coins I could hardly believe were the 1795
C1.2 and the 1805 C3.3 because I didn't know
they were so nice.

Give my best regards to your beautiful wife
and to Eric Newman. Is there anything that Eric
is not interested in; he is an absolutely amazing man,
and I think the professors I've known are bright, but
he is unbelievably bright.

God bless all

G. S. G.

P.S. This was a birthday card, and I removed the
greeting. I hope you do a bit more than fish
when you retire - like take some time out to
compare your collection w. a few others.

G.

R. TETTENHORST

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June 17, 2002

Dr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

Here is an interesting little item for you. After I showed Eric your letter and e-mail about the Newcomb half cents, he went down to his basement files and dug out the attached. It is a record of the acquisition of the Colonel Green half cent collection by him in partnership with Burdette G. Johnson in April of 1943. Eric keeps good files! The cover page shows that they acquired 418 half cents for \$2,500. There follows the division of the important coins between Eric and Burdette Johnson, with Johnson's estimated retail price. This may help you further link some of the Newcomb coins to the Missouri Cabinet. All of the coins on the left hand columns eventually went into the Missouri Cabinet, although a few have been subsequently traded as I acquired, or owned, better ones.

In any case, this should make enjoyable reading for you. Eric sends his regards.

Sincerely,

Tett

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Enclosures

✓ c: Eric P. Newman

Half Cents

418 coins

23	1793 $\frac{1}{2}$	✓		256
28	1794	✓		100
15	1795	(16) ✓		50
	1796	Pole good (two)	✓ ₁₀₀	150
	1796	Pole unc for \$150 ⁰⁰	✓ ₁₀	250
9	1797	(12) ✓		
4	1802			
10	1811			
	1831	3 large 1 small .. (one missing)		
	1836	IIII	✓	
	1840	I II	✓	
	41	IIII	✓	
	42	III	✓	1500
	43	I	✓	54
	44	I	✓	
	45	I II	✓	1100
	46	III II	✓	
	47	III	✓	
	48	II III	✓	
	49	I IIII	✓	
	52	IIII	✓	

if good 2500

COINS DELIVERED TO ERIC P. NEWMAN AND B.G. JOHNSON

April 43

FROM GREEN COLLECTION OF 1/2 CENTS

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Beg

793	G. 1. Unc., and absolutely splendid light olive on obv. red changing to olive on reverse	bfxm	\$125.00	1793	G. 2. Unc.,	lmac	100.00
				1793	Fine	mxco	25.00
794	G. 4. Unc., reddish olive	oexl	75.00	1794	G. 8. Unc., splendid	mxex	75.00
795	With pole. Punctuated date. Unc., olive	haxc	27.50	1795	G. 5. Very fine	oex	12.50
				1796	G. 6. Very fine	exc	15.00
"	G. 1. Lettered edge with pole to cap. Unc., red	mxcl	75.00	1794	G. 9. Unc., red	oxcm	75.00
"	G. 5. Without pole to cap. Unc., splendid	mxco	40.00	1793	G. 1. V.fine	mxco	27.50
				1794	G. 9. Fine	oex	12.50
"	Plain edge. Without pole to cap Struck over a Talbot-Allum and Lee Cent. Unc.	baxm	15.00	1794	Very fine	mxo	15.00
796	With pole. Very good, strong.	baxm	150.00	1797	V.fine, some scratches	ouse	10.00
				1798	Pole. V.good	fxcm	125.00
				1800	Splendid red olive. Unc.	mxo	15.00
797	1 over 1 of date. Ex. fine	baxm	20.00	1797	G. 2. V.good	lex	12.50
"	G. 3. Unc.	mxco	60.00	"	Let. edge. V.fair	oex	8.50
800	Unc., red	baxc	15.00	1795	Let. Edge. Punctuated date. Unc., olive	uax	60.00
803	Unc., nearly bright red.	bokx	20.00	1794	G. 1. Unc., chocolate	exc	35.00
804	G. 4. Unc.	bex	2.50				
"	G. 5. Croselet 4. Severe die break. Unc.	bax	3.50				
"	G. 3. Croselet 4. Stemless. Unc.	bex	3.50	1797	Plain edge. Fine	oxm	12.50
"	Plain 4. Stemless. Unc.	bex	2.50				
"	" " With stem. G. 1. Fine	exc	10.00	1804	Plain 4. Stemless. V.fine	ue	10.00
805	G. 2. Unc., original red.	baxc	12.50	1803	Unc., red	mxm	25.00
"	Unc., splendid red color	baxc	15.00	1809	" olive	mxo	2.50

1804 G. 1. Small 6. Stemless wreath Unc., red	exc	7.50	1805 Stemless. Unc.	oex	7.50
" Small 6. Stems to wreath. Unc., ex. rare	bfex	20.00	1806 over '07 V.fine	lxc	20.00
" Large 6. Stems to wreath. Unc., bright red	mo	4.00	1807 Unc., splendid	lxc	15.00
1807 Curious die break on edge of obv. Unc., red	lxc	12.50	1804 Crosslet 4. V.fine	oe	1.25
1808 over '07 Unc., splendid olive. Possibly the finest known specimen	oex	75.00	1793 G. 3. Unc., splendid, light olive	lxcm	100.00
1808 Unc., splendid dark olive	bxm	12.50	1802 Abt. v.good	mo	10.00
1809 G. 2. Unc., brown olive	bux	4.00	1803 V.fine	ex	3.50
" G. 1. Unc., olive	bux	3.00	1809 over '06 Unc.	ex	7.50
1809 over '06 Unc., glossy olive	oex	12.50	1809 over '06 Unc., olive	ue	10.00
1810 Unc., splendid olive	bux	25.00	1809 Unc., olive	mo	2.50
1811 G. 1. Abt. unc., olive	bux	30.00	1810 Unc., glossy olive	exc	25.00
1825 Unc., red	mo	2.50	1811 G. 2. Unc., some bruises	uex	35.00
1826 Splendid dark red proof	bxm	15.00	1800 V.fine	ex	2.50
1828 12 stars. Unc., glossy chocolate	bax	7.50	1794 G. 1. Very fine	lxc	15.00
" 13 " " Bright red	bax	2.00	1803 G. 3. Abt. unc.		2.50
1829 Unc., very bright red	mo	2.50	1828 12 stars. Unc. olive	mo	5.00
1831 Die break on rev. Brill. proof	lxm	60.00	1828 12 stars. Cleaned	oe	1.50
1832 G. 1. Unc., bright red	bax	2.50	1805 G. 1. Fine	ex	2.50
1833 Brilliant proof	oex	12.50	Already received. 1831 proof	lxcm	60.00
1834 Unc., bright red	bex	2.00	1806 G. 3. Abt. unc.	ex	2.25
1835 Unc., bright red	bex	2.00	1811 G. 1. Very fine	mo	7.50
			1807 Ex. fine	ex	5.00
			1834 Unc., red	ex	2.00
			1835 Unc., red	oe	2.00

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1836	Perfect brilliant proof	lxcm	60.00	Already received. 1836 Proof	lxcm	60.00
"	With reverse of the type of 1840. Perfect bril. proof	lxcm	75.00	1849 Small date. Small berries Proof	lxcm	85.00
1840	Large berries. Splendid proof	lxcm	60.00	1840 Small berries. Proof	lxcm	60.00
1841	" " Bril. proof	lxcm	65.00	Already received. 1841 large berries. Proof	lxcm	65.00
1842	Small " Perfect pr.	mxcl	65.00	Alread rec. 1842 small berries proof	mxcl	65.00
1843	Large " " "	lxcm	65.00	1841 large berries. Pril.pr.	lxcm	65.00
1844	Large " " "	lxcm	65.00	1844 Small berries. Proof	lxcm	65.00
1845	Small " Bril. proof	lxcm	65.00	1848 Small " Bril. pr.	lxcm	65.00
1846	" " " "	lxcm	60.00	Already rec. 1846 Large berries proof	lxcm	70.00
1847	" " " "	lxcm	65.00	" " 1847 Small berries Proof	lxcm	65.00
1848	Large " " red "	lxcm	75.00	" " 1848 Small berries Proof	lxcm	65.00
1849	" date. Unc., semi-proof	mxo	5.00	1849 Large date. Unc. red " " " olive	mxo	4.00
					ex	1.25
1849	Small date. Small berries. Very brilliant proof	mxcm	85.00	1849 Small date. Small berries proof	lxcm	85.00
1850	Unc., red	bce	1.50	1850 Unc., some red	bce	1.25
1851	" "	bce	1.25	1851 " red	bce	1.50
1852	Small berries. Bril. pr.	oexm	40.00	Alread rec. 1852 small berries proof	oexm	40.00
1853	Unc., purple	bce	1.25	1853 Unc., red	le	1.25
1854	Unc., black	bax	1.25	1854 " olive	ee	1.25
1855	Unc., bright red	bce	1.50	1855 " red	oe	1.25
1846	Pattern Regular type in copper nickel. AW 216. Proof	boex	12.50			
1856	Brilliant, sharp bright red proof	oex	15.00	1840 Small berries. Polished proof	oexm	40.00
1857	Splendid purple pr.	baxe	15.00			

1790.75

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Subj: **The Year of Your Embarrassment**
Date: 9/10/2011 4:16:59 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: fwilkinson1@yahoo.com
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Hi Tett

Congratulations on acquiring the 1847 First Restrike!!!!!!!

I recall that when John Wright and I photographed your half cents that when we came to the 1847's, you said, "This is the year of my embarrassment." That is no longer true!

I had gotten to the point that I was seriously doubtful as to the actual existence of the variety. Is this the very coin you nearly bought nearly forty years ago that was withdrawn from the Kagins sale before your agent could even bid on it? (This is one story you told me not to repeat, and I haven't).

I understand that your duplicates and residual errors did well. I rather expected them to.

About the primes: The formula works super for gaps of 6 and 12. 18 is another matter. I just do not have the time to check into it at this time. If you will take the time to wade through how I came up with the formula, I will put it all together during my free time.

By the way, your proof for the existence of a prime gap that is infinite also proved something else-as a corollary: Since all prime gaps above the number 3 are even, then infinity is an even number. (This is actually meant to be a joke). Hope you appreciate the humor.

Tell Marilyn and the family I said hello.

Frank Wilkinson

Results of Cohen-McGuigan Whist match Fall, 1982

1793	1	R (Cohen)	55	45/40	Rogis has a small Edge Dinge
	2	J (Cohen)	40	R's is sharper, but dark	
	3	J	60	25/12	
	4	J		20/45	but R's has a huge lamination
1794	1a	J		50/40	
	b	R		20 dark and a bit pitted / 6	
	2a	R		40/35	Close, but slightly sharper & better surfaces
	b	R		6/0	sharpness of 12, dark Pporous also a Good Seller
	3a	R		25/12	
	b	R		12/0	Sharpness of 20, but dark Ex Grass
	4a	J		60/35-40	
	b	R		10/0	Sharpness of 15, but has rim bruises
	5a	J	40-45	30/30	Better color was the factor
	b			None	
	6a	R		12/7	12-plated in AHC #1 - Ex Rawls unattributed - dark, but nice
	b			None	
	7	R		40/20	R - Ex Rawls, dark, proof like - J - Ex Brobston
	8	J		12/12	J's has better color & surfaces - broken rev - R - unbranded and cleaned
1795	1	J		50/30	The 30 is proof like
	2a	R	2. 40-50	40/10	The 40 is P.L. w. rev. lamination
	2b	R		15/0	Ex - Eaton - Dupont - Spence - R.S.C.
	3	J		20/10	20 Ex O.C.J. collection w. HALF CENT strong
	4	R		J 50 R 45	R - plated in AHC #1
	5a	J		40/25	R's more desirable as a better strike. J. Ex Brobston miles A/76 sale
	b	J		65/10	
	6a	J		35/30	65 Ex Dr. Bolt
	6b	R	30	12/12	J - sharper R - better color & surface
	1	J		55/6	R - has better color & surface, but a couple marks
1796	2	J		60/7	J - Ex Dupont R - Ex Peters
	1	R		60/50	J - P.L. Radon Obv., dark on Rev.
1797	1	R		60/50	R - Ex Blaisdell - from an Elder Sale of 1934 & so
	2	R	45	30/30	J very slightly sharper, R much better color
	3a	R		25/25	That close
	b	J		30/12	Overkill
	c	R		12/0	Three grips are obvious
1800	1	J		65/60	Brilliant versus subdued red
1802	1	R		25/15	R - Ex N.E.R.C.G. Both Nice
	2	R	58	6/4	A problem free 6.

Tot: I made notes on the upgrades in the middle column

1803	1	J	55/45	Almost overkill
	2	J	20/15	Ungar coin (RSC) is dark & scratched on obv.
	3	R	60/50	
	4	J	8 45/40	J - Esp sharp on obv.
1804	1	J	40/50	RSC has marks on bust
	2	R	8/4	8 = Ungar coin, dark w/ super surface 4 - Ex DWL - porous
	4	J	25/12	RSC
	5	J	55/55	R = sharper w. bad color (I went against everyone else)
	6	J	55/55	J - better color who thought R = 60
	7	J	50/40	40 has the break
	8	R	60+/50-55	R - Ex Brobston
	9	J	60/50	J - Ex WK R
	10	R	60/60	R - more lustrous J - better color
	11	R	45/40	
	12	J	60+/55	55 = 60 wedge damage K7 on obv.
	13	J	60/60	J's has red.
1805	1	J	60+/60	
	2	J	8/15	J - Ex Brobston-Shawers R - sharper w. dirge on Rev.
	3	R	15	
	4	R	10/15	
	4	R	60/55(?)	R - sharper J - better color & may be slightly worn
1806	1	J	60's	Red over blue green - same nice color & surface.
	2	R	45/35	J - has better color R - had Red (corrosion?) R obv
	3	J	7/7	is sharper J obv is sharper R - no crack J has crack
	4	J	65's	Blazing versus subdued red.
	1	J	55+/50+	
1807	1	J	5/0	Nicer than it looks in AHC #1
1808	2	R	40/30	
	3	R	60/	I didn't record the grade for JRM
1809	1	Tie	35-40	J - sharper, but recolored w. a small mark on face.
	2	J	50/40	
	3	R	65/	J - didn't record grade
	4	R	65/	J - didn't record grade
	5	J	60+/55	
	6	R	60/55	
1810	1	J	60's	J - better color & luster 75 versus 100% black
1811	1	J	45/40-45	by a tad
	2	R	40's	by a tad
1825	1	R	60/50	R - olive & lustrous
	2	R	60/50+	Both have obv. rim dirge
1826	1	R	63/60	
	2	R	60/55	> 5 points difference

1828	1	J	67/60	Red versus olive
	2	R	60/50 ⁺	
	3	J	65/60	
1829	1	R	65/65	40 versus 20% Red
1831	1	R	40/40	Color preference
1832	1	R	60 ⁺ /55	
	2	J	65/65	J - more luster
	3	J	60 ⁺ /55	J - very lustrous
1833	1	J	70/65	
1834	1	J	70/65	
1835	1	J	68 70/65	
	2	J	67/65	
1849	1	R	60 ⁺ /	J - ungraded
1850	1	R	63/55	
1851	1	R	70/45	
1853	1	R	67/63	R - redder
1854	1	J	65/63	
1855	1	J	70/67	
1856	1	J	70/69	
1857	1	J	65/63	

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Rogers

+ 4
 + 4

Jim

+ 7
 + 28 (!)
 Did not grade all.

+ 5

+ 15
 + 1
 + 7
 + 11